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Holland Christian Homes sets roots

by Geert de Koning

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For several years Holland Christian Homes in Brampton, Ont. has been busy with planning a Christian home for the aged. During these years much preparatory work has been done and presently we are hopeful that a beginning can be made with the building of our home later this year or early next year. A report of present building plans will be given at the annual meeting on May 5, 1977 at 8 p.m. at the Second Christian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ont.

The purpose of this article is to (re)acquaint the readers of Calvinist Contact with the objectives of Holland Christian Homes and the urgency of providing care to the aged in a manner and environment agreeable to the christian faith. This article also explains the concept development plan which Holland Christian Homes proposes to implement.

Holland Christian Homes was established in 1969 as a charitable organization to provide care to the aged. What the organization wants to emphasize is its christian character. Holland Christian Homes is motivated by the christian faith that all of human life is governed by religious insight and beliefs. Man does not live by bread alone but by the Word of God. This Word teaches us to love and serve Him who gives life. Thus, life is a personal gift of God which must not be expended carelessly but, instead, must be cared for in a manner and with all respect due to a treasured gift.

It is these convictions which guide Holland Christian Homes in its approach to aging and care for the aged. The care provided must be designed to help a person enjoy his life and to respond to his problems and special needs. Thus, care is a many-sided concept which includes not only the different stages of health care but also various forms of personal and pastoral care.

In particular, Holland Christian Homes wishes to recognize the existence of spiritual needs, not as something in addition to other needs but rather as an integral part of those needs. This is based on and reflects our belief that food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - in fact, all things - come to us not by chance but from the almighty and everpresent God, our heavenly Father. Of singular importance also is the knowledge that man goes to his eternal home. Hence, the need for pastoral care for comfort and encouragement and to prepare the elderly person for the life to come.

From a cultural point of view, Holland Christian Homes is rooted in ties to the country of origin where most of its supportes have come from. Having immigrated to Canada during the late 40s and early 50s, Dutch often is the spoken language at home and especially so after the children have left home. Thus, at advanced age, Dutch becomes the preferred language for expressing oneself. Holland Christian Homes is fully aware of this preference and its proposed home will be bilingual, Dutch and English.

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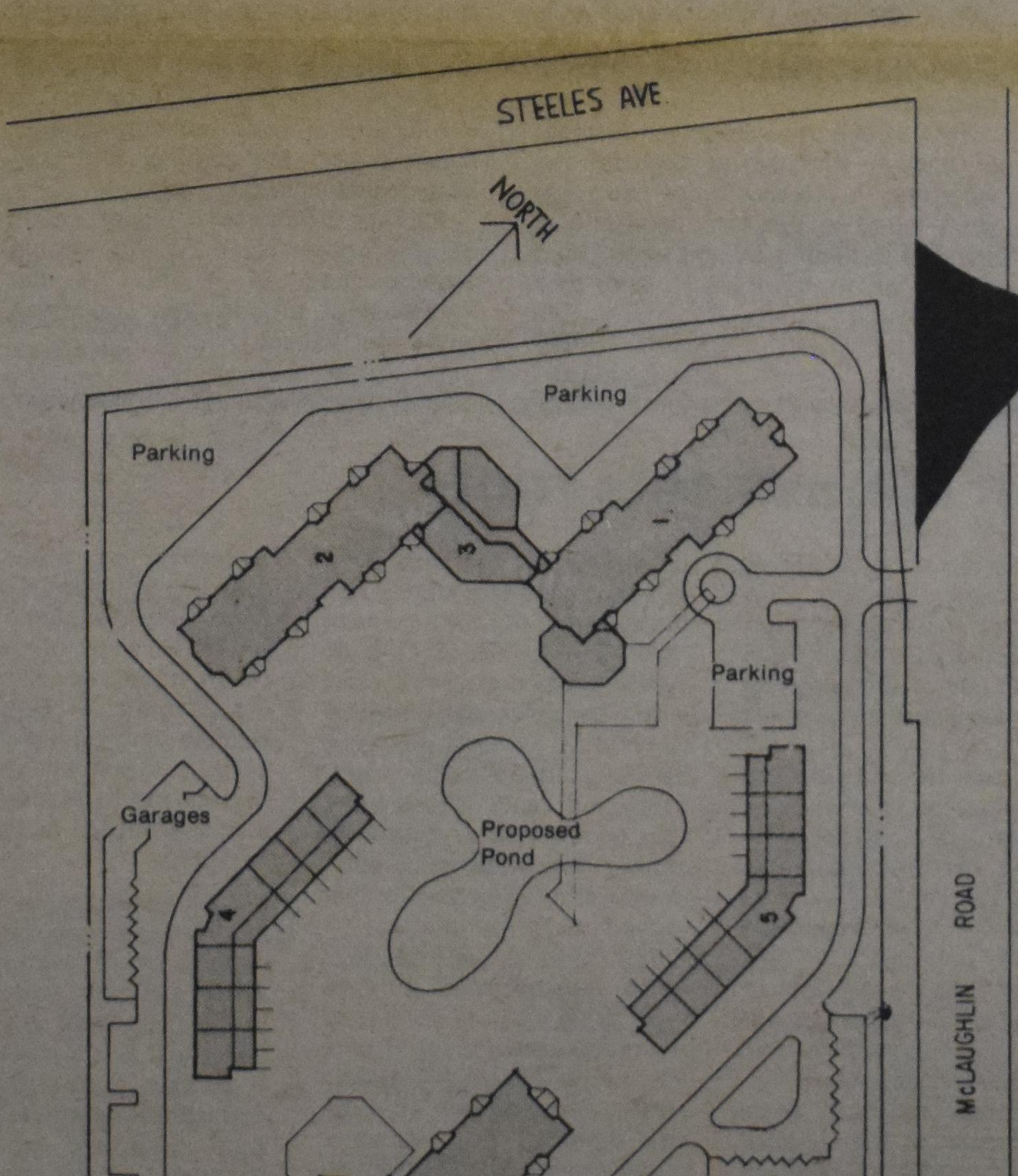

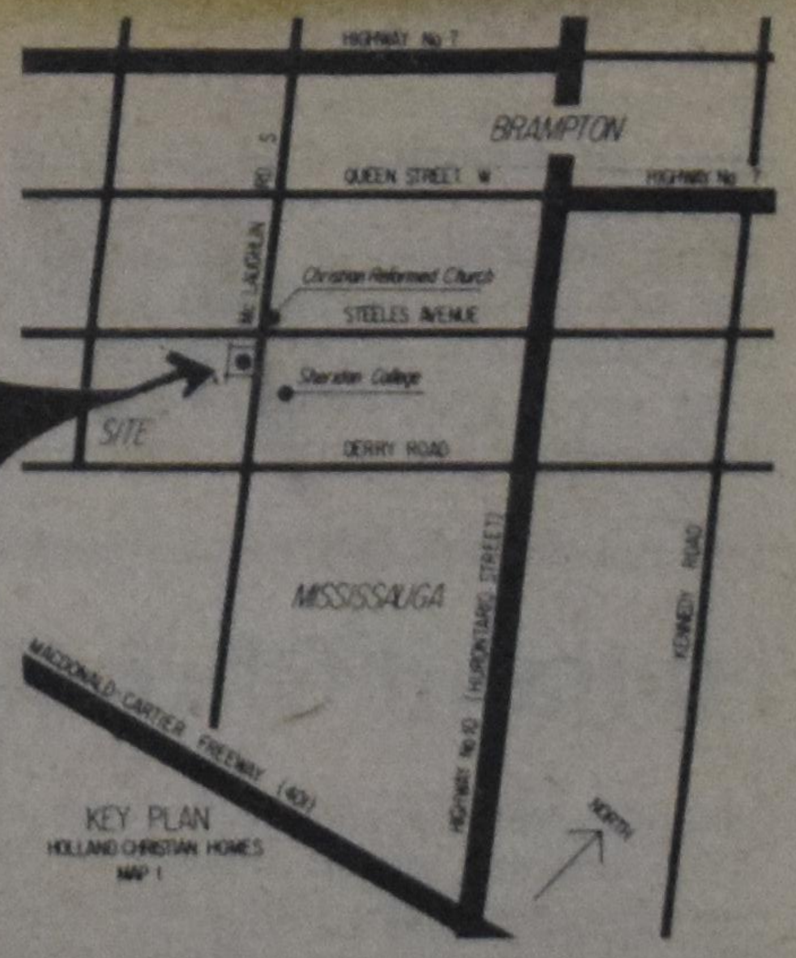

A senior citizen apartment with low level care (building 1). A senior citizen building providing medium level care (building 2). A senior community centre (building 3). Independent housing (building 4 and 5). A nursing home (building 6) . Landscaping with a pond (7).

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Sunday School teachers

TORONTO, ONT. (EP) - The Central Canada Sunday School Convention held here in late March, attracted about 4,000 people. Sponsored by the Canadian wing of the International Christian Education Association, the three-day conference was held in The People's Church.

Clate Raymond, director of the association, said the convention was one of six planned for across Canada - one in each of the four western provinces, one in the Atlantic provinces, and another in Toronto. Inquiries came from Quebec regarding the possibility of a Sunday School conference there.

Religion "alive"

MOSCOW (EP) - Religion is far from dead in Russia, according to a visiting journalist from the U.S. The Soviet Union may profess to be an atheistic nation but its needs for religion is clearly apparent, the writer says.

There are 45 Orthodox churches that remain in Moscow and they are filled each Sunday. Harassment of Jewish activists by Soviet authorities was confirmed by the journalist.

Leader is religious.

NEW DELHI, INDIA (EP) - India's new prime minister, 81-year-old Morarji Desai, is a devout Hindu, a staunch anti-Communist, and a firm believer in the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the Hindu religious and political leader and social reformer who organized non-violent, passive resistance campaigns against British rule.

Mr. Desai, the leader of the Janata (Peoples) Party, who helped lead the election battle that unseated Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has said that "religion means more to me than anything."

Want to leave Russia.

MOSCOW (EP) - Some 1,000 Pentecostal Christians have appealed to President Carter of the U.S. as their "brother in Christ", to help them emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Bishop Nikolai Gorotoi said 484 Pentecostals from the city of Nakhodke on the Pacific coast, had applied for exit visas because of repression and harassment. Another group of 500 from other areas of the USSR had applied earlier.

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NEXT WEEK

Lakewood expands

Education issue

The staff of Calvinist Contact took time out from their regular work to produce a special, extra edition on Christian education. You should already have that copy in your home.

It reflects what we believe to be a cross-section of the Christian education community in Canada and the U.S., focusing on varius educational organizations and their role in the school.

We believe it captures the pulse of the Christian school movement. School societies and organizations may wish to purchase extra copies of that edition and may do so at a nominal sum of 20 cents each including postage by writing or phoning the office.

VIEWPOINT

Christian living

by Keith Knight

Marriage "only in the Lord"

Jack and Jane have been living together for three years now. They find their relationship meaningful; they love each other and have a contractual arrangement whereby they have their domestic duties spelled out in writing.

They live together in what is legally termed a common law relationship - no ties, no commitments, total independence - but they say they love each other and would like to "at least try" marriage.

Mr.& Mrs.Trouw (fictitious, of course) have been married for forty years. They are considered pillars within the church and are involved in several church functions.

Their marriage has been dead for a decade. They lack love for each other and haven't spoken to each other for weeks. But they continue to live a visible good life. They attend church together, go to parties side by side.

The institution of marriage is being threatened these days by somewhat appealing substitutes such as common law relationships and "no fault divorce". There are problems within the institution of marriage in our churches. We both know that. But rather than dwell on the depressing negativism of some marriage situations, we should attempt to seek solutions.

Young people should be encouraged to marry only in the Lord, as the Church Order says. There must be an emphasis on a personal commitment to Christ. Both young people must be "married" to Christ through faith before marriage in the Lord is possible. That commitment to Christ is compulsory.

The importance of a Christian marriage should be brought out in catechetical instruction, through sermons, church youth programs, through proper reading material, but more importantly in the home.

It is imperative that there are healthy, growing Christian relationships within the existing marriages in the church. Parents can be the best or the worst teachers in the way they express marriage in their everyday living.

Our youth ought to see meaningful marriages reflected in the Christian joy found in the home. A marriage that lacks that Christian joy may well result in similar marriages or common law relationships among offspring.

The church, which in essense means you, should not tolerate pre-marital relationships, living together before marriage or common law relationships. That is perhaps strongly put in an age where everything goes but it is necessary to ensure a Christian marriage, one that is built on the foundation that is God.

Prospective newlyweds should also be eager to discuss their marriage plans with their pastor well in advance of the wedding date and to mutually share their faith commitment before the actual marriage. It is better to avoid a bad marriage than to be living an eternity in one.

Existing marriages, too, need a lot of personal re-commitment. Couples, whether they have been married for four years or forty years, should remind themselves of the vows which they made in the presence of God to love, honour, and cherish each other and to live together in the holy state of marriage.

By way of a concrete action it might be good to sit down as husband and wife and to reread those marriage vows found in the hymnbook and to spend an evening talking about your "marriage in the Lord." And then pray about it.

Keith Knight

NEWS VIEWS

How about free labor?

Just two weeks ago we talked about Canada's high unemployment, more than one million people without work. Those startling figures were released by Statistics Canada at a time when young people start to look for summer employment.

With one million people on the unemployment rolls, it could become pretty tough for young people, regardless of age or educational qualifications, to secure a good summer job.

The summer months have traditionally served young students to earn a bit of pocket money for the school year and in many cases provided Christian school-attending young people with enough money to pay for their tuition.

College and university students have also relied on those three or four months of summer employment to support their increasing financial obligations.

But since job-hunting will be tough this year, many students will have to resign themselves to a summer of unemployment. They may be able to get involved in a few odd jobs here and there but many will simply be out of work.

Their youthful ambition might be put to good use in the community, however - both the church community and the neighbourhood. It comes down to simply working for little or no money but it does mean remaining active during the summer and well away from television.

Perhaps the church or school needs painting. Get some young people together and do it. Fix up the landscaping around the buildings while you're there.

How many elderly people live nearby, both churched or unchurched? Offer to mow their lawns, do a bit of repair work, take out the garbage. They might be able to pay a couple of dollars or they may simply reward you with a smile and a Coke.

It might be a tough summer for your bank account but it could be a good one for your heart. There is so much that can be done in the community. If you're an unemployed student, how about it?

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The concept development plan prepared by Holland Christian Homes expresses these various objectives. The over-all objective is to provide care to the aged but care cannot be abstracted from suitable housing and accommodation. Both, housing and care, should be provided jointly without, however, forcing a person to "submit" to care when he or she does not need it.

As long as a person is able to look after himself, the Home or community need not interfere. What is important, however, is the availability of care so that when care is needed it is readily available. The knowledge that care is readily available when needed should also help to reduce one cause of anxiety and so help a person feel at ease.

As envisaged, the care provided will range from the availability of non-nursing care to the level of care found in a nursing home. Non-nursing care may include assistance in homemaking, preparation of meals, maintenance, etc. either on a regular basis or occasionally. Similarly, nursing care may range from some nursing care on a weekly basis to several hours of nursing assisance on a daily basis.

Naturally, the services and facilities to provide nursing and non-nursing care must be available on site. Initially, dure to the limited scale of operation, only low level care may be provided. In the course of time, as the Home is being established and expands, a full range of services and facilities will be provided.

A similar situation exists with respect to recreational facilities, workshops, meeting rooms, etc. Initially, these facilities may be rather limited but, as envisaged, these facilities are part of the proposed Home as it develops. Naturally, the specific facilities required will need more careful study based on the activity and leisure patterns of prospective residents, as well as on what is feasible financially and otherwise.

The concept of a home for the aged as set out here does not imply that this must be a self-contained community. On the contrary, to fully enjoy and contribute to life the elderly person must maintain contact with his surroundings and the community at large. Special services, in particular transportation and supervision, may be required to enable the elderly person to enjoy community life beyond his or her immediate surroundings.

The general concept of a home for the aged may be illustrated further with the plan for developing the 10 acre site which Holland Christian Homes has acquired. This site was obtained from a sister organization, Salem Christian Mental Health Ass., and is located just off highway 401, 10 and 7, in City of Brampton. A Christian Reformed Church is conveniently located almost across from the home at the northeast corner of McLaughlin Road and Steeles Avenue.

In total the plan proposes to provide housing and care for 400 to 450 persons. Of these, approximately 275 persons will be living in two six-storey apartment buildings. Each of these buildings is designed to contain between 95 and 100 units. Independent housing which consists of two two-storey structures each containing 20 units, is expected to provide housing for 70 to 80 persons. A similar number of persons can be accommodated in the proposed 80-bed nursing home.

As proposed, a senior community centre will connect the two apartment buildings. The actual size and layout of the centre still needs to be determined but it is suggested that it contain a reception area, administrative offices, a tuck shop, care and recreational facilities, and a chapel. It may also contain a central kitchen and dining area. Alternatively these could be provided in the building providing medium level care.

Holland Christian Homes intends to implement its plan in phases so as to make a more careful study of the need for care and the manner of providing it. The phasing itself still is flexible, except that Phase 1 is to consist of constructing a self-contained senior citizen apartment providing low level care. Additionally, some independent housing may also be constructed.

Detailed plans for providing medium level care and nursing care have not yet been worked out.

In summary, significant progress has been made in the planning of the home for the aged. Progress in obtaining the necessary approvals may not have been as fast as was hoped for a year ago but we are entering the phase of arranging financing for the initial building program.

In the meantime further studies, discussions and negotiations must continue to build up the level of care and so expand the Home. All this must be supported, in the first instance, by continued prayer and a reminder of the words of Psalm 127: If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless.

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LETTERS

Funds needed in Cochrane

Dear Sir:

In past months you may have read articles by Pastor Binnema, like ''Bringing these children in ''. If not, we will give you a short review on happenings in Cochrane, Ont.

Since some of the members of our church have been foster parents for a few years and through this have had discussions with the Childrens Aid Society social workers, the members decided to form a committee. This committee decided to pursue the challenge of starting a home for teenage girls. This home would be for girls who do not have a home or with emotional or behaviour problems. We could see this home as a continuation of the foster care program in which our families are still actively involved and a beginning of a wider social involvement in our community needs. Different possibilities have been discussed with the Children's Aid Society.

The biggest need at present is a group home for approximately 6 teens or adolescent girls. This would require a good size home which will also accomodate the house parents and family. The Children's Aid Society does not have the funds available to supply such a home.

We do see the need for such a home in our area. As Christian parents we see it as our calling to work on this worthy project. Our committee has made an application to our Christian Reformed World Relief Committee for funds to either buy or build a home. This was endorsed by Classis Toronto. But the CRWRC was not able to support this cause in 1977.

At our last congregational meeting, our constitutions were accepted.Also at that meeting all our church members became members of the Cochrane Ass. for Christian Homes. We are asking you for support by becoming member of our Association. The fee is $5 per member which gives you the right to vote in person or by proxy. Anyone interested to receive the constitution may write our secretary.

Our plans now are to buy a lot which would be approximately 3 miles north of Cochrane and are planning to start building as soon as funds are available.

A blueprint is being worked on and several persons have volunteered their free services in helping to build the home this summer.

A family willing to accept the responsibility of becoming house parents has applied and has been accepted. Also a single girl has offered her help and is enthusiastic about this.

We are looking forward in faith to our Heavenly Father to supply us in all our needs as He has richly provided in the past. We thank God for all His manifold blessings.

We humbly ask for your continued prayers and support for this cause.

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Mission Emphasis Week in Montreal

Dear Sir:

Sunday, March 13 heralded the beginning of a special week for the Montreal CRC. With us was a six man team which would provide vital input into a unique Mission Emphasis Week in our congregation. The six men were Revs Martin Geleynse (pastor),John DeVries (chaplain, Canadian Penitentiary Service), Hans Uittenbosch (chaplain, harbour ministry), Don Hekman (currently serving as Wycliffe Bible translator in Northern Quebec), Dick Kwantes (missionary in Japan), and Dick Seinen (missionary in Nigeria).

The purpose of this week was to bring into the congregation an increased awareness of, and commitment to the calling of missions, or evangelism. We hoped this week would provide the opportunity for all of us to be confronted in a special way with our calling and obligations. To achieve this, we concentrated on basically three areas: Bible study and discussions relative to missions; prayer, and information from team members related to their respective callings. These three areas were worked out in the following manner:

Bible study and discussion: Each family was provided with a copy of Rev.A.Kuyvenhoven 's booklet ''Sharing the Mind and Mission of the Master''. This excellent booklet, which is published by the CRC Board

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LETTERS

Mission Emphasis Week

of Publications, was the basic study guide during the week. It provided study, discussion and devotion guides for each day, and it is suitable for family or group use. Each family was requested to use it in their daily devotions. In addition , six morning meetings were held throughout the week in various homes. The purpose was to talk missions together, get to know the missionaries better, and use the booklet as a guide in discussion and prayer. Also, the consistory held a special meeting, with the purpose being a study and discussion of "The Consistory and Principles of Evangelism". On Saturday, four workshops were organized, covering four areas in evangelism of particular interest to our local congregation.

Prayer: One evening we had a congregational meeting with the emphasis on prayer. The topic was introduced, requests given, and prayers offered. During the course of the week, we prayed very much, especially in group meetings.

Information: The week has been particularly beneficial in that we became so much more familiar with the particular mission fields of the team members. A second congregational meeting, of special interest to catechism students and their parents, investigated the subject "Missions as a Career". During a third congregational meeting, the visiting missionaries had the opportunity to present their work to the congregation.

Other activities further strengthened the bond of fellowship and unity among us. The team members spent Tuesday afternoon at the harbour, where Rev.Uyttenbosch presented his ministry among the seamen. Similarly, the next afternoon, Rev.DeVries escorted the team to his office in the penitentiary, where he introduced them to his ministry among prisoners and staff members. One afternoon, a business luncheon was arranged for all men and women working downtown. A fourth, and final congregational meeting of song, praise and a moving address was held on Saturday evening. Sunday, the 20th, was the 8th and final day of our Mission Emphasis Week. During the evening service, the visiting missionaries were charged to continue in the preaching of the good news of the Kingdom of God, and sent on their respective ways with the words of 3 John vs.5-8.

The week is over. We have once again been faced with the truth that God wants to use us, his children , in calling to Himself all those who are His. May we be found faithful to our Lord.

John Rhebergen
Candiac, Que.

Israel and Hal Lindsey

Dear Sir:

It was with great interest that I read the articles on Israel and the reactions to it. I would like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts on this vital subject: "Israel and the Church."

I believe there are three basic differences between Israel and the church. First, the membership of these two bodies is different. The nation of Israel if composed of one people and identified with Palestine.

God called the nation of Israel into being by giving Abraham a promise. This was the beginning of Israel and the nation continued through Abraham's descendents. Their history since then has been continued opposition and trouble. Yet they have maintained their national identity.

The church, on the other hand, is comprised of all who enter by spiritual rebirth, and includes people from every race, tribe and nation,

Second, a distinction in their calling. Israel's primary concern is with the temporal and earthly, while the church has a task that is basically eternal and heavenly. Israel was selected to witness to the pagan world that there is one true God. Because the Jews through their long history so persistenly rejected their promised Messiah, and failed to fulfill their spiritual calling, God allowed to come upon them a national spiritual blindness. True, some Jews have accepted Jesus as Messiah in every generation, which in the Bible are called "the believing remnant." But the nation of Israel has been set aside temporarily in God's purpose and plan.

Right now the church is enjoying God's special blessing but this age of grace will end at the rapture.

And when God has completed His program for the church He will again focus His attention upon the chosen people of Israel.

Third, there is a distinction in their destinies, which involves the future. The time is coming when the task of the church will be finished. Christians look forward to the day when both those tho have died in faith and every believer will be caught away from this earthly scene to be with the Saviour in glory.

The nation of Israel, however, will remain upon the earth to go through a terrible period known as the great tribulation. God has preserved the national identity of the Jewish people through all the years of scattering and persecution. This is because the Lord has decreed that the Jews and the land of Palestine will be in the center of the coming kingdom.

A converted Israel will finally achieve her calling, she will be brought to repentance, will be restored spiritually, and will fulfill her kingdom destiny during the millenial age. The church will share in the blessing but the home of glorified believers will be in Heaven. Israel will occupy center stage during that 1000 years when there will be "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

When you keep these three distinctions clear, you will not claim Israel's promises for the church, and yet you won't apply "Church truth" to the nation of Israel.

To all those who are interested in Bible prophecy, I like to suggest to read "The late great Planet Earth", by Hal Lindsey.

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April 8 Christian Choir "New Life" will present J.H.Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary". Concert to take place in the Maranatha CRC, 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, at 8 p.m.

April 15 Variety Night at Laura Secord auditorium, Niagara St., St.Catharines, sponsored by the booster committee for Christian education, 8 p.m.

April 16 Christian Labour Association of Canada 25th year Convention, Silverthorne Collegiate, Mill Rd., Etobicoke, Toronto, Ont.

April 17 / April 24 Film "How Should We Then Live", by Dr.Francis Schaeffer, Toronto (Second) CRC, 8 p.m.

April 29 Marriage Enrichment Conference at Aurora Conference Centre, Aurora, Ont., April 29-31, sponsored by Salem Chr. Health Association.

April 30 Tenth annual meeting of Women's Action for the AACS, Brampton (Second) CRC, Ont., Steeles St. and McLaughlin

April 30 "Het Hing in de Lucht", Calvin Chr.School, Hamilton.

April 30 Fryske Joun, Jarvis Distr.Chr.School, Jarvis, Ont.,7:30 p.m.

May 14 25th Anniversary choral concert by the Christian Choir "New Life" of St.Catharines, Ont., 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, Ont. 8 p.m.

May 15 Annual spring concert, St.Thomas and Distr.Male Choir Crescendo, First United Church, St.Thomas, Ont. 8.15 p.m.

Sept.10 Annual Youth Evangelism Services (YES) conference, Brantford, Ont. CRC.

Hamilton District Christian High

Comedy "I remember Mama" by John Van Druten, will be shown at 8 p.m. on the following dates: Apr 15, 16, 22, 23.

Christ and Crisis Winter Lectures

April 18 Speaker David Steen, manager of an advertising agency, about advertising. Rehoboth CRC, 800 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke, Toronto. 8 p.m.

Andre Knevel Organ and Choir Concerts

May 7 St.Catharines, Ont., at St.Thomas Anglican Church, Ontario St., at 8:15 p.m.

South Africa series

Dr.Hendrik Hart of the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, will present a slide-lecture series on South Africa: Behind the Headlines, in the following cities: Winnipeg, Man.(Apr.16); Calgary, Alta.(Apr.18); Lethbridge, Alta.(Apr.19); Red Deer, Alta.(Apr.20); Edmonton, Alta.,(Apr.21); Neerlandia, Alta.(Apr.22); Vancouver, B.C.(Apr.23.); Smithers, B.C.(Apr.25); Terrace, B.C.(Apr.26).

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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN BRIEF

Education flourishes in Cambridge

What an exciting year it has been in Cambridge, Ont. at the Christian schools. The elementary Christian school has been experiencing a rapid growth, having gone from 40 students three years ago to 135 youngsters today. A new addition was necessary to accommodate this growth, plus an increase in staff.

What happened to cause such a growth? God spoke to concerned people in some of the evangelical denominations concerning their responsibility to have their children in an educational system where God us alive and real, and as a result, with much prayer and working together, parents are today working and supporting together this Christian school.

Overlooking some less important differences, these denominations are represented by the families sending their children; Baptist, Brethren, Christian Reformed, Mennonite, Free Reformed, Presbyterian, Anglican, United, Free Methodist. How wonderful to know that our God can bring all these together in an atmosphere of love and cooperation!

Developing from this growth in the elementary school was the need to provide a high school environment for these students. Thus in its first year of operation, is the Cambridge District Christian High School. It has been a busy and challenging year. With a staff of three teachers and 27 students in grades 9 and 10 the high school has shown itself to be an honour to the glory of God. Dedicated teachers and enthusiastic youngsters have given the school a fine beginning to serve students in the Kitchener-Waterloo, Drayton, Guelph and Cambridge areas. In September 1977, Grade 11 will be added with an additional teacher and it is hoped there will be a good increase in students.

On March 10, these two schools combined efforts to have an information rally, encouraging the public to come and learn more about Christian schools. After an excellent message by Dr. Frank Peters, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, everyone proceeded to the lower auditorium, where extensive displays were set up of pupil work, textbooks, projects, artwork and extra curricular activities' materials. This gave interested families an opportunity to see exactly what is being taught and done in the schools. How pleased the committee was to have over 250 people attend, including many new families from the Christian community. To promote the rally, invitations were printed and sent to possible interested families, put in stores and much advertising was done through the radio and newspapers.

Promotion has been a big factor in the increasing interest in the Christian schools in Cambridge. As often as possible items and articles are sent into the newspapers and the public is almost constantly reading about happenings and developments in the two schools. In all these involved churches, and even some that still do not have youngsters attending, school events are made known, and through this publicity, many parents are considering the possibility of the Christian schools for their children.

God has richly blessed us in Cambridge, widening narrow denominational walls to a wide community of Christians who love the Lord and want to see Him, a reality in all of life. Such love for God has evidenced itself in a wide circle of new and rich friendships that are so valuable in the lives of both parents and youngsters.

A new understanding and appreciation for Christians, other than those in the church a family attends, has an immeasurable value. We look forward to exciting times ahead, as God opens new doors and opportunities to reach youngsters to live for Him.

Mrs. Marilyn Thompson
Cambridge (P), Ont.

Montreal's high school

Emmanuel Christian High school. It's name means "God with us" - and that is exactly how since its inception this school has progressed. From a vision of a few men and women 7 years ago, an inter-denominational evangelical high school was brought into being, the first and only such school in the Province of Quebec.

Its doors were opened in September 1975 to 37 students - 25 in Grade 7 and 12 in Grade 8 - and 3 full-time teachers. During the next year a Grade 9 was added, increasing the enrollment to 75 students and the staff to 6 full and part time teachers. This fall a further expansion is being made into Grade 10 with a potential enrollment of 105 students. This is marvellous growth in 3 short years. With God's help we hope to grow more each year.

Our location is in Surrey Gardens, Dorval, which is a suburb of Montreal. We rent the necessary classroom space in an existing public school building. Again, we have been blessed in that each year the additional classroom space has been made available to us.

Emmanuel High school is served by a staff of dedicated Christian teachers, has a hard-working board and is financially supported by parent donations and generous contributions from the Christian community. Our project budget for next year is approximately $165,000. Parent donations are $1200 per student to which in many cases a substantial transportation cost must be added since students are spread over a wide area of Montreal.

The curriculum inlcudes, in addition to Bible Study, all the core subjects which will allow students entry into post high school studies in CEGEPs (Junior colleges). There is a good variety of optional subjects and partial French immersion subjects are available for qualifying students. High academic standards, close working relationships between parents, staff and students, a serious desire by the staff to help each student to attain his God-given potential, a strong music and physical education program are some of the distinct features of Emmanuel.

Above all, it exists to prepare Christian young people to face this world with a basic understanding of God's purposes for man, society and His natural creation. God has revealed Himself to us through His creation, through His Word and through His Son Jesus Christ. We have a responsibility to develop an awareness of man, society and natural phenomenon in the light of God's revelation to us. With "Emmanuel" we take this responsibility seriously.

Orangeville

Christian education for Orangeville? Yes.

Currently the Orangeville Christian School Society is negotiating an arrangement with the John Knox Christian School in Brampton which will provide Christian education for Orangeville students in Brampton in September 1977.

The Orangeville society is presently quite small and the number of students going to Brampton will also be quite small to begin with but we pray fervently that support for Christian education may grow to the point where Orangeville itself will consider setting up its own Christian school.

We ask that the Christian community at large offer their prayers for the growth of the school society in Orangeville so that the greatest number of children may be served by Christ-centred education.

Ottawa

The Ottawa, Ont. Community for Christian Learning (a Christian High school) is in its second year of operation. Present enrollment is 32 students in grades 9-11.

The community has plans to add grade 12 for the 1977-78 school year. A full time staff of four is assisted by members of the Christian community, who share their experience with the students in courses such as woodworking, cooking, sewing and photography.

The Lord has blessed the C.C.L. richly by allowing its enrollment to more than double in its second year of operation.

Bob Hudspith,
Ottawa, Ont.

Inter-denominational school

After almost one year of operation it appears to us at the Essex County Christian Academy near Windsor, Ont., that a truly Biblical interdenominational Christian school is not only possible but that such a school is the type that best helps our children to understand themselves as Christians in a world of many different faiths and beliefs.

We have found that most people who can truly learn to understand and accept each other as Christians saved by the blood of Jesus Christ are able to work together in the establishment and operation of a Christian school. At first there are different denominational or doctrinal emphases that look like major problems.

Denominational "life-styles" cause much uneasiness and concern as one person or another fears that people who smoke or drink, or baptize children, or focus on soul saving, or emphasize the baptism of the Spirit will lead

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Inter denominational school

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the entire school organization down their particular path. Sincere, from the heart discussion, however, usually leads to the awareness that the Bible's message as it applies to education can be understood and accepted by all who want their children to be saved through Jesus and who want that new life to be manifest in the things their children experience and do. In our situation we have found that people of Baptist, Christian Reformed, Mennonite and Pentecostal backgrounds have been able to work well together.

The constitution, especially the statement of educational principles, of an interdenominational school must avoid the usage of denominational terminology. Denominations have many doctrinal terms that have connotations that people from other backgrounds misconstrue or misunderstand. Open discussion leads to the acquisition of words that clearly and openly state what has to be stated in a way that all can accept.

It is crucial that board and committee members represent and reflect the views and beliefs of all the denominations active in the school. Board and committee meetings should take extra time, when necessary, to make sure that different points of view on issues are discussed and understood. Decisions should focus on establishing principles and guidelines that make the school distinctly Christian but not denominational. If boards and committees operate as ''microcosms'' of the association at large, dissension and lobbying is kept to a minimum.

Staffing can be a bit of a problem. Naturally board members, committee members, and parents all want a teacher who represents their beliefs and life-styles. Once again the teacher should be understanding of and receptive to the various beliefs and life styles.

We have found that Christians deeply committed to following Biblical directives in education want to work together in obtaining such a program for their children. They are interested in reaching out to people in the wider evangelical community.

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Pastoral Counselling

Enthusiasm of youth

Children and young people seem to have boundless enthusiasm and tireless energy. They never walk through the house, they run or skip from room to room. They sit down for a little while but would rather stand on a chair or slide down the stairway. I envy the enthusiasm of youth. I must admit, I have lost a good deal of it. I don't like to see a young person who is content to lie around and never seems to have much desire to be up and going.

There has been a danger in recent years that young people are criticized a good deal for their behavior, their style of dress, the length of their hair. Ministers often thunder against the evils of the age, the temptations of the young in our drug infested age, the fact that they are constantly surrounded with material that is sexually stimulating. But that doesn't do much good to talk about these things except that the young consider such a minister to come from a previous generation.

In many homes the enthusiasm of youth is squelched by many prohibitions and negative statements. Children have been told again and again what they may not do, but little has been done to channel the enthusiasm of the young into more constructive forms of living. Often young people will ask, ''Well, what may I do then?''

It has been refreshing to see the large number of young people who became involved in our political campaign. I would never have thought of doing that when I was their age. The fact is that many older people have taken a rather ''ho hum'' attitude towards the political campaign anyway. If you want to argue about politics, don't try to do it with an older person because they are not going to argue about it, they don't care enough. But you talk with a young person, and you soon find that you get a reaction.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its depth. You can't control the contour of your face, but you can control its expression. You can't control the weather, but you can control the moral atmosphere that surrounds you. You can't control the distance your head is above the ground, but you can control the loftiness of the contents of your mind. Why worry about things that you cannot control.

In recent weeks I have been able to see more of the enthusiasm of youth since I am once more teaching catechism classes and Bible classes. It's amazing to see the enthusiasm, the quickness with which they respond. They are always a jump ahead of you and there is something wonderful about the way they enter into a discussion; they get so excited and they become so lively! It's really refreshing to deal with them, talk with them, and share with them. Throughout the years I have been able to observe it firsthand through a good number of young people who came to Pine Rest Hospital and volunteer in the Christian Service Corps. These young men and women came from various parts of the land and they freely gave six weeks of their time to help others in the name of Christ. In a firsthand way they gained knowledge about mentally and emotionally disturbed people, and those who where mentally handicapped, and there were some of those, I think, who felt that they could stand a bit of help themselves and possibly they could gain it in that way.

A young person who is actively promoting the cause of Christ is not easily going to slip into the use of drugs or alcohol. They don't feel the need of it. If they have been able to satisfy themselves in being active within the church and being active in the various organizations of the church, they do not need the worldliness that so often beckons young people in a positive way so that we don't have to be constantly telling them, ''Don't do this and don't do that.''

To develop such a positive spirit in the community of the church, it needs to begin in the family. In the family we need to overcome the negative attitude which is so often present. I've often been alarmed by the spirit of rebellion among the young and this is often the reaction to a strong authoritarian approach on the part of parents.

If we lay a good foundation in the early life, if we establish a good relationship between ourselves and our children, then we don't have to fear the developing personality of a young person but we have to guide them and direct them so that they may live constructive Christians lives. But of course, if we're going to do this, we've got to live constructive lives ourselves. I have seen a number of young people who were having deep problems and who came from homes where parents were extremely critical of the church, of the minister, and of the agencies of the church and since the parents were always trying to tear down the church and criticize it and say how bad it was, naturally the young people are going to rebel against it too.

We can't afford that kind of luxury in the home - the luxury of criticizing the church and the pastor and everything that pertains to the church today because it is going to leave a lasting impression upon the young. When we live constructively and positively and enthusiastically ourselves, we can also see it in our children. Help them to be enthusiastic followers of the Christ.

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VAN DOMINEES & GEMEENTEN door John de Haas

TOEN EN NU:

Als iemand tegenwoordig een huis of een winkel koopt, dan is een der eerste dingen die hij doet een verzekering nemen tegen brand en inbraak. Wanneer hij het moet financieren door een bank of hypotheekmaatschappij, dan wordt hij door deze instelling verplicht zulks te doen. Als hij zou verklaren het niet te willen, dan is er geen schijn van kans dat hij het geld krijgt.

Dat lag honderd jaar geleden in de emigranten-nederzettingen in de staat Michigan anders. Toen was het nog niet zo nodig om naar de bank te gaan om geld op te nemen; velen bouwden hun eigen huis. Maar het was toch wel een gevoelig verlies, wanneer er brand ontstond en het huis met alles wat er in was in vlammen opging. Er waren toen onder de Afgescheidenen echter heel wat, die in verzekering of assurantie, zoals het toen doorgaans werd genoemd zonde zagen. Het was volgens deze mensen "wegkruipen van onder het oordeel Gods'. Als de Here Zijn oordelen zendt op aarde, dan mag je deze daden Gods niet ongedaan maken door je te verzekeren. Dat was zo de gedachtengang van velen. Ik ga hier nu niet verder op in, maar wil alleen de practische houding gaan bespreken welke de Gereformeerde emigranten aannamen toen zij, in Amerika aangekomen, werden geconfronteerd met het begrip: Assurantie.

De classis van de 28ste Juni 1865 moet er zich mee bezig houden, want het blijkt, dat alle 4 ouderlingen in de gemeente Zeeland "hunne goederen hebben in de Brand-assurantie". Men vraagt dan "of men de Assurantien kan en moet aanmerken als zonde en hoe ver men daarin moet gaan met de kerkelijke censure". Algemeen oordeelt de Vergadering het zonde te zijn en vraagt van de Kerkeraadsleden schuldbelijdenis en "dat zij op staanden voet er uit gaan." De eerste ziet het niet als zonde, maar wil er wel uitgaan, doch hij zit er voor vijf jaar aan vast. De tweede eveneens, doch de derde moet er eerst nog over denken, terwijl de vierde niet aanwezig is. Het was dus vastgesteld: assurantie is zonde.

Doch dan komt de October-classis, welke uitspreekt dat het hebben van assurantie niet is te dulden van kerkeraadsleden, doch gewone leden zullen niet van de Sacramenten worden geweerd. Er werd dus tweeërlei maatstaf aangelegd: een voor kerkeraadsleden en een voor gewone leden. Voor de eersten was het zonde, voor de anderen niet, want ze werden niet afgehouden van de Sacramenten!

Er kwam dan ook protest op een latere classis, uit dezelfde gemeente Zeeland. De kerkeraad vraagt: "Afschaffing van dit besluit, omdat zij meent dat in deze van de kerkeraad (bedoeld werd natuurlijk: kerkeraadsleden) niet meer mag gevraagd worden dan van de leden".De notulen vervolgen dan: "Hierover is veel gesproken en besloten in de gegeven omstandigheden bij dat besluit te blijven." De tweeërlei weegsteen blijft dus. Maar er komt hoe langer hoe meer tegenstand. Als er alleen al in Grand Rapids binnen een jaar tijds vier huizen van gemeenteleden in vlammen opgaan en de grote meerderheid der kerkleden in de assurantie gaat, dan komt te sterker de vraag steeds meer naar voren: "Waarom mogen gewone leden doen wat kerkeraadsleden is verboden?"

En tenslotte, op de Algemene Vergadering - wij zouden zeggen de Generale Synode - van 5 juni 1874, wordt de druk te sterk. Art.33 vermeldt nu: "Komt ter tafel de zaak betreffende het assurantie besluit. Volgens instructie van sommige gemeenten en particuliere brieven, die gelezen moeten worden, willen deze dat het besluit opgeheven en in ieders vrijheid gesteld worde. Dit alles in overweging genomen en de discussiën er over geëindigd zijnde, gaat men tot stemmen over, waaruit bleek dat de vergadering door meerderheid van stemmen besloten heeft, het bestaande besluit op te heffen."

Soms ontbreekt op de vergaderingen de vrolijke noot niet. In het verslag van de classis van 8 januari 1968 wordt vermeld: "Art.4. De notulen der vorige vergadering kunnen niet gelezen worden daar de ouderling J.de Jonge ze vergeten heeft mede te nemen." Wij zouden zeggen: "Wat een goochemerd!" Bepaald grappig is wat in januari 1870 gebeurde: Als de lastbrieven worden nagezien, wordt het volgende gerapporteerd: "Art.4. De afgevaardigden van Friesland hadden geenen credentiebrief; zij hadden uit vergis een stuk schoon papier in plaats van de credentiebrief meegenomen; de vergadering vond geene zwarigheid hun zitting te verlenen." Gelukkig maar, anders hadden de arme kerels een halve dag moeten reizen om die credentiebrief op te gaan halen!

Voor de meerdere vergaderingen worden er tegenwoordig allerlei bepalingen gemaakt betreffende de reiskosten van en naar de vergaderingen. Dit was toen ook al zo, maar het ging een beetje anders dan tegenwoordig, ook al omdat de vergaderingen soms twee of drie dagen in beslag namen. Luister maar: Notulen 19 januari 1870. Art. 28. "Grand Haven brengt ter tafel, dat zij weigert de onkosten der classis aldaar gehouden, te dragen, nl. de kosten van voerman en paarden in de stallen. Vervolgens is besloten dat de classis voortaan te Holland zal gehouden worden onder de volgende voorwaarden: Holland zal zorgen voor kost en logies der afgevaardigden. Elke gemeente zorgt voor hare eigene paarden en rijtuigen."

Soms komen er kwesties ter sprake op classisvergaderingen, waarbij je je afvraagt: "Hoe in de wereld kan zoiets nu toch daar aan de orde komen?" Zo is op de februari classis van 1866 het volgende behandeld: "Een brief ingekomen en voorgelezen van een zekere broeder Lemmen, die is gecensureerd "wegens zijnen onverzoenlijken toestand tegen een ander lid der gemeente, Koos Eleveld, zijnde tusschen die beide leden verschil, ontstaan over het melken eener koe."

Getrouwelijk werd door de broeders gewaakt over de reinheid van het huwelijk. Meerdere malen komen er vragen uit de gemeenten, of iemand, die ghuwd is met de vrouw van zijn overleden broeder, wel mag worden toegelaten tot de gemeenschap der Kerk. Stereotiep wordt die vraag ontkennend beantwoord. Eenmaal komt zelfs de vraag naar voren, "hoe te handelen in betrekking tot het huwelijk, hoelang of een weduwe of weduwnaar behoort te wachten, om zich opnieuw aan een ander te verbinden." Het eindbesluit was, dat men geen nadere bepalingen durfde te maken omdat Gods Woord het niet doet, maar om de eerbaarheid en orde te bewaren en zich te wachten voor aanstoot voor de wereld."

Men was ook niet bevreesd, als het zo te pas kwam, de dingen rustig bij hun naam te noemen. Lees maar het volgende: "Grand Rapids vraagt advies over een persoon die zijns vrouws zuster heeft beslapen en reeds met naam en zonde aan de gemeente bekend is gemaakt, om verder te mogen handelen. Besloten is, daar zij bij hem is huis is, het huis dient uit te gaan. En wanneer zij belijdenis doet zal zij aangenomen en haar kind gedoopt worden. In de volgende vergadering wordt bepaald dat de man openbare schuldbelijdenis moet doen; "omdat de zonde openbaar is, ook de verzoening in het openbaar moet geschieden."

Nog een vraag. Wist u dat er in de Christian Reformed Church een dominee is geweest die tot driemaal toe als een candidaat, d.w.z. met oplegging der handen is bevestigd? Waarschijnlijk niet. Nu, dat kostelijke verhaal bewaren we tot een volgende keer.!

Actie voor Kankerbestrijding

Team work is noodzakelijk in de strijd tegen kanker.

Zoals alle leden van een team samen moeten werken, onderzoekers, doktoren, verpleegsters, kunnen vrijwilligers van de Canadese kankervereniging en het publiek een sterk front vormen, om kanker het hoofd te bieden.

Slechts een gedeelte van de strijd wordt betaald in de laboratoria, waar onderzoekers dag en nacht trachten de sleutel te vinden voor het ontsluiten van een mysterie van deze ziekte.

Vrijwilligers van de kankervereniging vervullen ontelbare taken door kankerpatienten van dienst te zijn in de vervulling van hun lichamelijke en financiele noden, en brengen hoop en vreugde. Andere vrijwilligers zijn bezig om de boodschap te verspreiden van het vroege ontdekken en de genezing van kanker.Zij lichten Canadezen in omtrent de onschatbare gids voor levensbescherming - de zeven stappen naar gezondheid - die de individueel een kijk op de ziekte geven.

En dan is er het publiek. Canadezen hebben een van de meest belangrijke bijdragen voor de bestrijding van kanker want door hun giften aan de jaarlijke actie in april, en gedurende het hele jaar, maken zij het werk van de kankervereniging mogelijk.Zij scheppen fondsen voor het doorgaan van onderzoekingen. De folders die in de wachtkamers van doktoren liggen, in apotheken, plaza's en informatie kiosken, de leerzame films en dia's, de boodschappen die via radio en tv gehoord en gelezen kunnen worden; al deze dingen vertellen het publiek de belangrijkheid van voorkoming, vroege ontdekking en genezing van kanker. Dit alles kan gedaan worden omdat het publiek de vereniging financieel steunt.

Programma's die de weg helpen verlichten van een kankerpatient zouden niet mogelijk zijn zonder de tijd en het geld, geschonken door Canadezen.

Deze maand gaan er weer 120.000 mensen op stap om uw giften voor de kankerbestrijding op te halen. Steun de actie en geef gul. Men rekent er op dat de opbrengst $7.500.000 zal bedragen. Kanker kan overwonnen worden als we allemaal meevechten in de strijd.

Er is al veel gedaan, maar er is nog veel te doen. Wees een deel van het winnende team.

IN GOEDE EN IN KWADE DAGEN

Heer, ik wil Uw liefde loven,
al begrijpt mijn ziel U niet...
Weten wij wel wat wij zingen
met dit wondermooie lied?

O jawel, in goede dagen,
in een heerlijk volle kerk,
is het machtig, zulk een samenzang;
't maakt ons warm en blij en sterk.

Maar als dan de kwade dagen komen
en elk lied in ons verstomt,
vragen wij zo dikwijls enkel
waarom ons dit overkomt.

Weten wij dan werkelijk zeker:
'Vader, wat Gij doet is goed'?
Onrust, zorg, verdriet vervangen
dan die 'rustig, kalme moed'...

Als het er benauwd op aan komt,
dat wij 't heden dapper dragen,
lijkt het soms onmogelijk, Heer,
U te volgen zonder vragen.

Leer ons in de 'goede' dagen
werkelijk biddend zingen, Heer;
komen dan de 'kwade' dagen,
God, dan weten wij het weer.

Heel geweldig dank, o Vader:
loflied zingen in de nacht
kan waarachtig , Uw genade
geeft de krachtelozen kracht!

G.Koers uit "Credo"

DE KEUS VAN 'T SMALLE PAD 30

een vervolgverhaal door Gé Verhoog

Samen met Teunis zit Peter deze avond weer in het kleine lokaal, waar de dominee een gedeelte uit de Bijbel bespreekt en voorts een stuk kerkgeschiedenis vertelt; iets wat de jongens heftig interesseert, omdat het hen zelf bizonder aangaat. Het verschil tussen de Hervormde en de Gereformeerde Kerk - de Belijdenisgeschriften, de eenheid van de leer, de Drie-eenheid van God, als fundament van de leer en dan de kerkelijke tucht - van al die zaken vertelt de dominee, om dan te besluiten met het wekelijkse psalmvers. ''Dan leren jullie de psalmen,'' zegt hij. ''We zingen ze samen, maar ik kan geen wijs houden en een orgel bezitten we niet, maar we zullen het toch proberen.''

Dat is voor Teunis een kolfje naar zijn hand. ''Dominee,'' zegt hij voortvarend, ''ik kàn niet spelen, maar wel zingen, ben zelfs lid van de ''Onderlinge Oefening'' - zal ik de voorzanger worden van de catechisatie?''

De dominee schiet in een benauwde schaterlach en de hele club heeft een vermaakt hoongelach. Maar Teunis ziet rond, als staat hij reeds voor de klas.

''Mijn broer kan het,'' roept Peter, ''hij is niet voor niets lid van het koor!''

''Wij willen geen kerkkoor,'' is het commentaar van een gevorderde. ''We zijn tegen een kerkkoor - we...''

'' 't Is geen kerkkoor!'' verdedigt Peter heftig. ''Ze gaan wel in de kerk zingen maar...'' Hij houdt op, ja - hoe zit dat eigenlijk? Hij geeft Teunis een por: ''Zeg jij het es!''

De dominee tracht de orde te herstellen. ''Jongelui, jullie halen alles door elkaar. Teunis kan zingen zegt hij zelf-''

''Dat is ook zo,'' valt Peter in, nauwelijks beseffend dat hij de jongste is van deze club: als hij iets wil zeggen, zegt hij het meteen maar.

''Ja, dat neem ik aan. Dus Teunis benoemen wij als voorzanger op de catechisatie,'' stelt de dominee vast. ''Wat het kerkkoor betreft: het nieuwe koor ''Onderlinge Oefening'' zal wel uitvoeringen in de kerkgebouwen geven, maar is daarmee geen kerkkoor. Wij als Gereformeerden willen in onze kerkdiensten geen koor dat voor ons zingt, wij zingen liever zelf. Hoe onzuiver en verre van mooi het soms mag klinken, als we maar met blijdschap zingen.''

''Dat onzuivere is te verhelpen met goed orgelspel,'' doceert Teunis, waarin de dominee onmiddellijk toestemt: ''Daarom vindt je bij ons zoveel prachtige orgels.''

Het lukt geweldig, Teunis zet wel eens te hoog of te laag in, maar de onderlinge oefening is ook hier reeds te vinden en weldra is hij de leider van de zang door zijn helder en vast stemgeluid.

''Dit mag je thuis wel vertellen,'' zegt Teunis, als het catechisatie-uur voorbij is en ze buiten staan. Vroeger vertelden ze altijd alles thuis, maar het commentaar van vader heeft hen voorzichtig gemaakt; waarom zullen ze kattekwaad vertellen? Vader noemt het onmiddellijk schelmenstreken en verzint de verschrikkelijkste straffen zoals bijvoorbeeld: een week lang 's morgens het eerste sneetje brood zonder suiker. Dat is raak, want het sneedje brood met suiker is in de familie van vader op zoon een traditie en erfelijke gewoonte. Ook kan het zijn, dat de schelmenstreken beloond worden met honderd regels schrijven op een lei en als het niet in fraai handschrift wordt gedaan, haalt vader er de vlakke hand over en kunnen ze opnieuw beginnen.

''Nooit meer iets vertellen thuis,'' heeft Peter hem ingescherpt, ''je heb je zelf er mee.''

''Weet je nog, dat Henk en ik bij die ouwe Hannes alle klompen bij de buurman hadden gezet?'' gnuift Teunis. ''Wat hebben we toen gelachen! Kwam Hannes naar buiten sloffen, zag geen klompen en dan op z'n wollen sokken heen er weer sjouwen:''Nou mense, mense, nou benne me klompe zomar verdwene, nou, nou-''

''Heb je straf gehad?'' vraagt Peter belangstellend.

''Ben je -!'' haalt Teunis uit, ''Daar heb ik natuurlijk niets van gezegd.'' Hij steekt zijn handen in de zakken. ''Zullen we Hannes nog eens goed dorps laten praten? Kan je lachen, joh! Ruitje tikken en dan kijken achter de struiken - Doen?''

''Ja!'' Peter voelt wel voor een pretje en het ruitje tikken is een leuk spelletje, waarin Teunis nog al bedreven blijkt te zijn. Het lukt wonderwel: ouwe Hannes komt voor het kleine raam, klimt zelfs op een stoel om te kijken waar dat getik vandaan kan komen - de jongens kronkelen van pret. Ze proesten het bijna uit, als Hannes de schuingezakte houten deur van zijn woning opendoet en naar buiten sloft, het hoofd schuddend en in zichzelf mompelend.

''He, wat doen jullie hier?'' klinkt plots de lichte vrolijke stem van Klaartje, die haar twee broers achter een heester zien gluren naar de in zichzelf pratende Hannes, ''o -'' Ze klapt voor haar mond, ''dat is geen zuivere koffie...''

In een ogenblik is Teunis opgesprongen, trekt haar achter de struiken, maar Klaartje is niet alleen en de jongen die ze bij zich heeft, wordt door Peter naar omlaag getrokken. ''Stil toch! Laat Hannes ons niet horen, sukkels!''

Het is te laat: ouwe Hannes heeft een goed gehoor, al kan hij stuntelig doen, en zijn vrouw is nu ook naar buiten gekomen. ''Kom d'r mar uit!'' roept Hannes tegen de struik en zijn vrouw helpt een beetje door te gillen: ''Zal ik de schop halen, Hannes? Zal ik de hooivork lene, Hannes? Zal ik d'r op los slaan, Hannes?''.

''Domoor!'' fluistert Teunis tot Klaartje, ''jij hebt ons verraden! Ik krijg jou wel!''

Ze staan langzaam op, terwijl Klaartje gedempt terug zegt: ''Waarom doen jullié ook zo zot! Je mag geen ouwe mensen treiteren.''

Ouwe Hannes staat voor hen. ''Ja, ja,'' knikt hij, ''dat benne de kinders van Verbeek, ja, ja-'' Hij komt niet verder, want Teunis ziet kans langs hem te glippen, hij rukt Peter mee. ''Kom op, joh!''

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Notes of Thanks

DE VRIES: We wish to thank all those who sent cards and best wishes on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents Harm and Roely De Vries. In thankfulness to the Lord we, as family, commemorated this day together. We hope and pray that the Lord will keep Mom and Dad in His loving care for many more years.
Georgetown, Ont.- Bob & Trudy DeVries: Melissa
Guelph,Ont.- Marvin DeVries & Peggy Plaisier
Hamilton, Ont.- Harry & Mary DeVries
At home - Joyce DeVries
Dunnville, Ont.

Births

KOK: With thanks to our Lord, the Giver of life Peter and Jenny Kok proudly announce the birth of their son DANIEL ANTHONY,born March 31, 1977. A brother to Roy and Melanie. 10695 - 137 A St., Surrey, B.C.

SCHOUTEN: We praise and thank the Lord for the precious gift of a new life. We were blessed with a baby boy, CASEY JOHN, on March 21, 1977. A little brother for Karen, Sherri and Michelle, a "bundle of joy" for Case and Susan Schouten. A new grandson for Mrs.A.Schouten and Mrs.J.Douma, all of Sarnia.

STRUIKSMA: With deep gratitude to the Lord of life we are happy to announce the birth of our first son ROBERT OWEN, born March 31, 1977. Fred and Janet Struiksma, R.R.#2, Norval, Ont.L0P 1K0.

VREUGDENHIL: With thankfulness to God, Dr.and Mrs.Harry Vreugdenhil wish to announce the birth of their son, PAUL NATHAN, born on Monday, March 28, 1977. A brother for Helena and Tanya. 4th grandchild for Mrs.F.Oosting of Stirling, Ont., and 25th grandchild for Mr.& Mrs. D.C.Vreugdenhil of Frankford, Ont.
117 Cleary Ave., Dunnville, Ont. N1A 1A2

Marriages

HUFTEN-VEENEMAN: Mr.& Mrs. Rudy Huften of Orillia, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter JANET TINA to Mr.JOHN VEENEMAN, son of Mr.& Mrs.George Veeneman of Simcoe. The wedding ceremony will take place on May 7th, 1977, in the Maranatha Chr.Ref.Church, St.Catharines, Ont., at 5 p.m., Rev.J. Kuntz officiating.
Future address: 227 Linwell Rd., St.Catharines.

Do you appreciate C.C.? Send it to a friend.

Marriages

STRUIK-DROST: Mr.& Mrs.J.Frederick C.Struik of 7806 - 11th Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter JANET to GARY DROST, son of Mr.& Mrs. Louis Drost, 6376 Doreen Drive, Niagara Falls, Ont. The wedding ceremony will take place D.V.on May 14, 1977 at 3 p.m. in the Rehoboth Chr.Ref.Church of Niagara Falls, Ont., Rev.J.Geuzebroek officiating. Their future address will be 5787 Vine Street, Niagara Falls.

STRUIKSMA-WAMSTEEKER: Mr.& Mrs.K.Struiksma of Ancaster Ont. are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, ALMA BERNITA to CLARENCE JAKE WAMSTEEKER son of Mr.& Mrs.J.A.Wamsteeker of Grimsby,Ont. This ceremony of love will take place D.V.on May 7, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. in the Mt.Hamilton Chr.Ref.Church, Hamilton,Ont. Rev.J.W.Jongsma officiating. Future address: R.R.#7,Brantford,Ont.

STREUTKER-MOESKER: Mr.& Mrs.John Streutker are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter GRACE DIANE to MR.JOHN MOESKER, son of Mr. & Mrs.Lloyd Moesker of Princeton, Ont. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Friday April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Maranatha Chr.Ref.Church of Woodstock, Ont. Rev.H.Lunshof of Meadowvale officiating. Future address: R.R.#8, Woodstock, Ont.

REKER-STEWART: Mr.& Mrs. Karel Reker are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter ANNE to MR. TERRY STEWART, son of Mr.& Mrs.Charles Stewart, on Saturday April 30, 1977, the Lord willing, at 3 p.m. in the Welland Jct. Chr.Ref.Church, Welland, Ont. Rev.J.Postuma officiating . Future address: R.R.#2, Wainfleet, Ont.

Anniversaries

1922 1977
The Lord willing we hope to celebrate on May 11, the 55th wedding anniversary of our dear parents, grand- and great-grandparents

THYS JAARSMA
and
HILTJE JAARSMA-HIBMA

Our wish and prayer is that our faithful God may continue to bless them in the future.
"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generation." Ps.89:1
Their grateful children:
Langweer, Friesland - Tjeerd & Ammy Zijlstra
Ermelo, Geld.- Klaas & Gre Jaarsma-Krosschell
Telkwa, B.C.- John & Nellie Jaarsma-Offinga
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Chilliwack, B.C.- Dick & Susan Bangma
Smithers,B.C.- John & Pat Vander meer
Kitwanga, B.C.- Joe & Judy Jaarsma-Perry
66 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren
Open house Wed., May 11, 2-5 and 7-10 p.m. Telkwa, B.C. Box 318.

Anniversaries

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."
With great joy and gratitude to God we hope to celebrate, on April 21, 1977, the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents

JERRY MULDER
and
ANNE MULDER nee De Roos

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and guide them in the years ahead. We are very grateful for the many years of love and guidance they have given us.
Congratulations from children:
Joyce and Beverly
Home address: Box 213, Port Perry, Ont. L0B 1N0.

Hoofddorp Chatham
1927 1977
With joy and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 50th wedding anniversary on April 27th, 1977 of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

AALDERT LUYT
and
JOHANNA LUYT-OUWERKERK

In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Prov.3:6
Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad!
Their thankful children:
Chatham,Ont.- Lena & Don Holwerda
Pete & Loeky Luyt
Cora & Bert Osterbrook
Hilda & Joe Wiersma
Thunder-Bay,Ont.- George & Connie Luyt
Windsor, Ont.- John & Jean Luyt
Tillsonburg,Ont.- Leo & Dena Luyt
27 grandchildren
3 great-grandchildren
Open house at First Chr.Ref.Church in Chatham,Ont. on April 27 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Home address is 25 O'Brien Dr.,Chatham, Ont.

On April 20, 1977, with thankfulness to the Lord we hope to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents

COR and NEL DYKXHOORN
nee Steeneveld

Mississauga, Ont.- Jack & Fie Van Kessel: Nancy, Jacqueline, Monique
Springfield, Ont.- Lou & Sadie Dykxhoorn: Charles, Marjorie, Roy, Lawrence
Aylmer,Ont.- Jack & Ruby Dykxhoorn: Jack jr.,Darlene, Diane, Wanda
Springfield,Ont.- Peggy & Don Gross: Debbie, Donna, Diane
Aylmer, Ont.- Jack & Coby Vannoord: Bradley, Michael, Jeffrey, Janine
Springfield, Ont.- Neil & Theresa Dykxhoorn
68 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, Ont.N5H 2P4.

Leek 1932 Chatham 1977
With joy and gratitude to our Heavenly Father we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, on April 28, 1977 the 45th wedding anniversary of our beloved parents and grandparents

PEBE LEISTRA
and
TEMINA LEISTRA
nee Louwes

Their grateful children and grandchildren
Thamesville - Bill & Ruby Leistra
Toronto - Walter & Alida Leistra
Dresden - Jack & Ann Leistra
Georgetown - Mike & Treena Sybersma
and 15 grandchildren
Open house at the First Christian Reformed Church Fellowship Hall on April 30, from 2-5 p.m. Best wishes only. Home address: 338 Park Ave.E. Chatham, Ont.N7M 3W1.

Anniversaries

Dedemsvaart Wellesley
1952 1977
On Sunday, April 24th, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parents

BERT and TINY HAKKERS
nee Strijker

We thank the Lord for His love and guidance in the past 25 years and pray that God will continue to bless them. Their thankful children and grandchildren:
Clinton - Hilda & Doug: David & Jackie
Goderich - John & Joanne Ian & Stacy
Barnwell, Alta.- Gerald
At home: R.R.#3 Wellesley: Betty, Grace, Jim, Charlie, Jo-Ann
An open reception will be held Saturday April 23 at the Cedar Barn, R.R. 1, Waterloo at 8:30 p.m.

Voorthuizen Gorrie
1932 1977
With joy and gratitude to God we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents

ELBERT VAN DONKERSGOED
and
AALTJE VAN DONKERSGOED
nee Versteeg

on April 22, 1977
Their thankful children:
Gowanstown, Ont.- Jake & Gerrie Greidanus
Gorrie, Ont.- Bob & Tinie Versteeg
Smithville,Ont.- Bert & Fenna Zanting
Lucknow,Ont.- Bill & Hennie de Boer
Woodstock,Ont.- Harry & Christien Karsten
Drayton, Ont.- Elbert & Nellie van Donkersgoed
Gorrie, Ont.- John & Betty van Donkersgoed
Henk & Margaret van Donkersgoed
and 40 grandchildren
Gorrie, Ont.

Koekange Alma
1937 1977
On April 24, 1977 the Lord willing we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents

THYS RUMPH
and
ANNIGJE RUMPH-Drost

their 40th wedding anniversary. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in years to come, for each other and for us.
Their thankful children and grandchildren:
Moorefield - Hank Rumph
Alma - Bill & Pat Hessels
Koekange - Hilbert & Jannie Rumph
Moorefield - Luke & Mia Rumph
Greensville - Bill & Hilly Welmers
Georgetown - Menno & Helen Van der Vinne
Alma - Albert & Martha Rumph
Larry & Ann Brouwer
and 22 grandchildren
R.R.#1, Alma, Ont.

De Bilt 1937 Stratford 1977
Our weddingtext: "Seek the Lord and ye shall live." Amos 5:6a
The Lord willing, on April 23, 1977 we hope to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary with our children and grandchildren,

JAN OSKAM
and
MARIA OSKAM nee Van Dijk

Goderich - John & Ann
Jolanda,Marita,Judith, Linda
Toronto - Ina
Auburn - Rita & Koos: John, Maria Mark, Brenda
Mississauga - Matthea & John: Jason, Matthew
Windsor- Maryjane & Phil: Janna
R.R.4 Stratford, Ont.

Anniversaries

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" John 21:7a
Scharnegoutum Lowbanks
1927 1977
On May 7, 1977, the Lord willing we will celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents

DURK BOORSMA
and
MURKJE BOORSMA
nee Van Gunst

We thank God for His abiding love through all these years and pray for His continued guidance in the years to come
Their thankful children and grandchildren:
Milton, Ont.- Dieuwke & Siep Posthuma
Gerry & Albert Vander Vliet
Guelph,Ont.- John & Clara Boorsma
Lowbanks, Ont.- Ted Boorsma
David & Ann Boorsma
Rients & Rienkje Boorsma
Gerrit & Margaret Boorsma
Dunnville,Ont.- Edward & Wilma Boorsma
and 24 grandchildren, saying: "We love you, Pake and Beppe!"
Soli Deo Gloria
Open house will be held from 2-5 p.m.on May 7 at the residence of David Boorsma, R.R.#1, Lowbanks.

Hillegersberg Oshawa
1937 April21 1977
With joy and gratitude to the Lord we announce the 40th wedding anniversary of our sister, sister and brother in law, aunt and uncle

MARTINUS J.KALISVAART
and
MARIGJE A.KALISVAART
nee De Ruiter

We thank the Lord Who has blessed them all these years, and it is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will continue to give His blessings and care in the years to come.
Bergsenhoek - Rika de Ruiter-Valstar
Schiebroek - Pieter J. de Ruiter
Rotterdam - Adrie de Ruiter-Offerman
Aylmer - Cor & Jean Krygsman
Reeuwijk - Jo & Gre de Ruiter
Bradford - Art & Stijntje Markus nieces and nephews
490 Miller Ave.,Oshawa, Ont.

Alphen a/d Rijn Rexdale
Wit joy and gratitude to our heavenly Father we hope to celebrate D.V.on May 5, 1977 the 50th wedding anniversary of our dear parents, grandparents and great grandparents

DIRK KNOR
and
LIJSJE KNOR nee VanTilburg

Their thankful children
Rexdale - Albert & Mary Vanderzwan
Jack & Henny Knor
Klaas & Diny Knor
6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild
Open house on May 7, 1977, from 2-4 p.m. at 74 Hadrian Dr., Rexdale Ont. Home address: 3 Arbordell Rd., Apt.#4, Rexdale, Ont.

Bunschoten Blenheim
1952 1977
With joy and gratitude to God, Margaret, Linda, Sarah and Mark wish to let you know that their parents

MIKE and TOOS VANDERSLUIS
nee Van Rossum

hope to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on April 16, 1977. Relatives and friends are invited to open house in the St.Mary's Hall in Blenheim on April 21, 1977 at 8 p.m.

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Obituaries

On April 1, 1977, the Lord took out of our midst, a faithful member and board member of the men's society

MR.JOHN KNIGHT, Sr.

We extend our deepest sympathy, along with the ladies society to Mrs.Knight and the children.
The men's and women's societies of the CRC of Wellandport, Ont.

On Saturday, April 2, 1977, the Lord took to His eternal home our beloved brother-in-law, and uncle

MR.JOHN ZWART

in his 71st year. Beloved husband of Rennie (Dros) Zwart, predeceased by his first wife Dieuwerke (Hamstra) Zwart (1970).
Romans 8:33-39.
Strathroy,Ont.- Pieter F.Hamstra
Thamesville, Ont.- Jenny & Charles De Vries
Norwich,Ont.- Aafke & George Ypma
Strathroy, Ont.- Wick & Wilma Hamstra
Tina & John Sandink
Jacob & Jean Hamstra

On March 23, 1977 God called home a beloved husband and father

MICHAEL KAZIMIER

Mike was only 36 years old but suffered from extreme headaches. Finally the doctors located a brain tumor. Within two weeks Mike died. He is survived by his dear wife, Dorie, and 4 small children: Ben, Jim, Janet, and Jack. They know that their husband and father is with Jesus.
The funeral was held on March 25 at the 1st CRC of Victoria, B.C. Seminarian Gilbert Kamps officiating.

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

AYLMER: The Immanuel Christian school of Aylmer, Ont. will require a teacher who will teach remedial in the morning and a regular classroom in the afternoon. Please forward applications to: William Hordyk, principal, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, Ont. N5H 2P6. Tel.519-773 8476.

BARRIE: Timothy Christian school, 49 Ferris Lane, Barrie, Ont.L4M 2Y1, invites applications for a teaching position in the senior grades. Experience & capable of teaching French an asset. Direct inquiries to: Andy Borger, principal Phone: 726-6621 school or 458-4502 home.

BRAMPTON: The John Knox Christian School of Brampton, Ont. invites applications for the primary and intermediate grades. Please contact: I Witteveen, principal, 82 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton, Ont. L6Y 2C7. Tel.(416) 451-3236.

BRANTFORD: The Brantford Chr. school invites applications for an opening in grade 5 and 6 (about 24 pupils). Please send inquiries to: Mr.Wm.Slofstra, principal, 7 Calvin St., Brantford, Ont. N3S 3E4. Tel.#52-0433 school or 753-9557 home.

CHATHAM: Chatham District Chr. Secondary School requires teachers of history, geography and mathematics for September 1977. For inquiries contact: Anton Brink, principal, 90 Park Ave., E., Chatham, Ont. N7M 3V4. Tel.1-352-4591 school, 1-519-352-9348, home

CHATHAM: Calvin Chr.School invites applications for a grade 2 teacher position. Contact John Postma, principal, Calvin Chr.School, 72 Tissiman Ave., Chatham,Ont. N7M 4G5. Tel.519-352-4980(school) or 519-352-7427 (res.)

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

CLARKSON: The John Knox Chr. School Society of Mississauga urgently requires two full-time teachers by Sept.1, 1977. One for the primary grades, and one for the senior grades. We are very much interested in teachers who have a major in French, Physical Education or Music. Other applications are also invited. Please send your applications to: Mrs.M.Hoppe, secr., 946 Purcupine Ave., Mississauga, Ont. L5H 3K5. Tel.416-822-6706.

COLLINGWOOD: Praise the Lord! The Collingwood Christian School Society will be establishing, the Lord willing, an elementary interdenominational Christian School, beginning Sept.1977. The Society is inviting applications for the positions of a teaching principal and one additional staff member. If you are interested in becoming part of a team that desires to make Chr.Ed. available to the children of committed christians within the Collingwood community, and becoming part of a growing School Society located in "Blue Mountain Country", please send your inquiries or applications to: Collingwood Christian School Society, Box 405, Collingwood, Ont., L9Y 2L8. Ph.(705) 428-3047 or 429-3271.

GUELPH: John Calvin Chr.School, Guelph, Ont. invites applications for a teacher for grade 7 and 8 in the schoolyear 1977/78. Send applications to: Agnes Struik, 290 Water St., Guelph,Ont. N1G 1B8 or call Agnes Struik at (519) 824-8860.

JARVIS: Jarvis District Christian school requires a qualified teacher for grade 8 half time and remedial education half time. Please send all application inquiries to: Pete Weening, principal, R.R.#1, Jarvis, Ont. N0A 1J0, or phone: 587-4444 or 428-0887.

NEWMARKET: Holland Marsh-Springdale Christian School invites applications for teaching in the primary and intermediate grades. Send applications and inquiries to: Mr.J.Van Breda, principal, Holland Marsh Christian School, R.R.#2, Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 4V9. Tel.416-775-3701 or 705-737-0957.

STRATHROY: Calvin Chr.School invites applications for a possible opening in Grade one. Part time French position is also available. Please contact: H.Vander Vecht, principal, Calvin Chr.school, 48 York St., Strathroy, Ont. N7G 2E5. Tel.(519) 245-1934 (school) or (519) 245-1658 (res.)

THUNDER BAY: Thunder Bay Chr.School requires a teacher for grade 4 for Sept.1977. For inquiries contact: P.Zandstra, secr., R.R.#3, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C 4V2. Tel. 807-939-2377.

TRENTON: Trenton Chr. School will need a teacher for the grade 2/3 level for the 1977-78 school year. Please address your application or inquiries to Mr. J. Vreugdenhil, Principal, Trenton Chr. School, 20 Fourth Ave. Trenton, Ont. K8V 5N3. Tel. (613) 392-3600.

Teachers Wanted

MANITOBA

WINNIPEG: Calvin Chr.School invites applications for the position of math and science teacher for grades 7, 8 and 9, commencing Sept.1977. For information write: Mrs. G.Bakker, Box 44, Station F, Winnipeg, Man. R2L 2A5.

Teachers Wanted

ALBERTA

NEERLANDIA: Neerlandia school invites applications for Christian teachers for the following openings: Social Studies-Science for Grades 7-10; Phys.Ed.- Music for Grades 1-10; Grade 2 & 3 classroom teacher. Please write or phone collect to John Piers, Princ., Box.89 Neerlandia, Alta. T0G 1R0. Ph.1-403-674-4308.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE: The Rocky Christian School invites applications for one teacher for grades one and two (about 20 pupils). Send applications or inquiries to: Mr.Peter Valkenier, Principal, P.O.Box 669, Rocky Mountain House, Alta. TOM 1TO.Tel.:1-403-845-3516.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD: Abbotsford Chr. School needs Junior High teachers in Science/Math and Home Economics/Commercial. We are also looking for a principle for our Junior High, who would teach part-time, as well as someone with interest and ability in vocational subjects. If you are interested in serving in a growing school system, please contact: Mr.J.Kampman, P.O.Box 175, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4N8. Tel.604-859-5167(school), 583-1209(res.)

AGASSIZ: Agassiz Christian School needs a teaching principal for the 1977-78 school term. Address applications to S.L.Toering, principal, Box 323, 7571 Morrow Rd.Agassiz, B.C.

CHILLIWACK: Chilliwack Elementary Christian School invites applications for experienced teachers for the school year 1977-78. Send resume to Mrs. G. Hogeterp, 9800 McNaught Rd., Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6G2.

DUNCAN: The Duncan Chr. School Board invites applications for the positions of teaching principal and primary teachers beginning Sept. 1977. Please send your letters of inquiry and/or applications to the principal: Mr.H.J. Bulthuis, 1031 Chaster St., Duncan, B.C. V9L 2K8 Call: 604-748-9725 and school 604-746-5341

LADNER: The Ladner Chr.Elementary School invites applications from teachers for a vacancy in our grade 4/5 classroom for the 1977/78 schoolyear. Send applications to the principal, Mr.R.Bruinsma, 5280 48th Ave., Delta, B.C. V4K 1W5, or call collect:604-946-2514 (school) or 604-594-3016 (res.)

LANGLEY-SURREY: The Shannon Heights Chr.School (Langley-Surrey, B.C.) has an opening for a teaching principal for the 1977-78 school year. Please send inquiries and applications to the secretary Mrs.R.Terpstra, 17885-40th Ave., Surrey, B.C. V3S 4N8 or call 604-574-7502.

MAPLE RIDGE: The Haney-Pitt Meadows Christian school requires a teacher for a combination Grade 1-2 position. Please send applications to the school in care of Mr.B.den Boggende, principal. Box 293, Maple Ridge, B.C. Ph.604-465-4442 school or 604-467-1859 home.

SMITHERS: The Smithers Chr. School has 3 openings for teachers for 1977-78. One primary, one intermediate, one Junior High (Math & Science). Please contact Glenn Ewald, principal, at Box 2117, Smithers, B.C., for further information. Please include telephone number with first correspondence.

Teachers Wanted

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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